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The Honorable Jheanelle K. Wilkins  
Chair of the Ways & Means Committee  
House Office Building  
Annapolis, MD

**RE: HB 569 – Queen Anne's County – Authorized Use of Revenues from Development Impact Fees - SUPPORT**

Dear Chair Wilkins and Members of the Committee,

The Queen Anne's County Commissioners support HB 569. The Queen Anne's County Commissioners are responsible for adopting an operating and capital budget to fund Queen Anne's County Public Schools. Funding the educational needs in the County is the largest and most important part of our budget.

Collecting School impact fees when development occurs is one way to fund the construction of new schools, however the current law limits use of impact fees when replacing existing schools. The Commissioners are asking for your help, by passing HB 569, to allow flexibility in the use of impact fees so they can fund replacement schools.

When replacing an old school with a modern facility it:

- Improves the structures and educational space for students,
- Improves security and safety through modern design
- Meets current size standards established by State requirements,
- Meets new technology needs for education,
- Implements enhanced safety and security technology,
- Meets current fire suppression requirements,
- Meets current energy efficiency requirements.

Significant improvements are achieved by replacing a school that will benefit students from existing, new and future developments in the County. We believe it is fair and reasonable to use Impact fees to help fund a replacement school that provides a far superior building and educational experience for current and future students.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important local bill.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jim Moran', is written over the typed name.

Jim Moran, County Commissioner